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Clerk of the
council to de-
liver the laws,
&c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk of the council shall, within the space of three days after the receipt of the said laws and resolutions, and of the said votes and proceedings, from the printer, as aforesaid, endorse each packet thereof for public service, and subscribe his name, and shall deliver the same to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, to be forwarded as is herein after mentioned, and shall take his receipt for the same, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money for every refusal or neglect.

Sheriffs to take
care of public
letters, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED; That the sheriff of each respective county shall and he is hereby enjoined and required to take care of all public letters and packets, and expeditiously convey them, according to their respective directions, to the next sheriff of the adjacent county, to be forwarded to the place where the person or persons may reside, or be employed in the transacting the public business; and if such packets and letters be directed to the governor, or to the governor and the council, or to the president of the senate or speaker of the house of delegates, then the said letters shall be forwarded to the city of Annapolis, or other town or place where the seat of government may be in this state; and each sheriff shall endorse on the letter or packet the time of his receipt thereof, and shall give a receipt to the person delivering the same.

How to be con-
veyed on the
eastern shore.

VI. AND, to prevent all excuses and delays in forwarding the laws and other public letters going from Annapolis to the several counties, BE IT ENACTED, That all such public letters and packets shall be taken care of by the several sheriffs, and expeditiously conveyed, according to their respective directions, in manner following; that is to say, the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county shall and he is hereby enjoined to receive all such public letters and packets as may be delivered to him, endorsed as hereafter mentioned, and shall forthwith deliver, or cause to be delivered, all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing on the eastern shore to the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county shall, without delay, deliver all such letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons in Queen-Anne's county to such person or persons, and take a receipt for the same, and shall, without delay, deliver all such letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties, to the sheriff of Talbot county, and shall take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Talbot county shall, without delay, deliver all such letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in his county to such person or persons, and take a receipt for the same, and shall, without delay, deliver all such letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons in Dorchester, Worcester and Somerset counties, to the sheriff of Dorchester county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Dorchester county shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in his county to such person or persons, and take a receipt for the same, and shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in Somerset or Worcester counties, to the sheriff of Somerset county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Somerset county shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in his county to such person or persons, and take a receipt for the same, and shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons in Worcester county, to the sheriff of said county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Worcester county shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters or packets to the person or persons to whom directed, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county shall also, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons in Kent and Cecil counties, to the sheriff of Kent county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Kent county shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in his county to such person or persons, and take a receipt for the same, and shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in his county, and take a receipt for the same, and shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in Cecil county, to the sheriff of said county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Cecil county shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters or packets to the person or persons to whom directed, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county shall also, without delay, deliver all such public letters and packets as may be delivered to him, endorsed as hereafter mentioned, directed to any person or persons residing in Caroline county, to the sheriff of the said county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Caroline county shall, without delay, deliver such letters or packets to the person or persons to whom directed, and take a receipt for the same.

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